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SUBJECT: RAINFALL IN SAHEL

1. SUMMARY: WFP NOW HAS IN MOST OF JULY RAINFALL DATA AND PICTURE LOOKS MUCH BETTER. APPARENTLY FAIRLY EVEN DISTRIBUTION FOR AREA COVERAGE AND FOR SPREAD THROUGHOUT MONTH (WFP IS COLLECTING IN "DECADES" OR 10 DAY PERIODS). TOTAL PRECIPITATION EXCEEDS NORMAL IN ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CHAD (MAURITANIA FIGURES NOT IN).

2. ALTHOUGH MAY AND JUNE RAINFALL DATA SHOWED DISAPPOINTING PRECIPITATION NOT MUCH DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR, JULY FIGURES GIVE A FAR DIFFERENT PICTURE. AGAINST 76 0/0 OF NORMAL LAST YEAR AND 67 0/0 IN 1972, THIS JULY IS WELL OVER NORMAL FOR ALL COUNTRIES (MAURITANIA FIGURES NOT YET RECEIVED) EXCEPT MALI WHICH IS 90 0/0. LEADER IS CHAD WITH 126 BUT NIGER

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120 UPPER VOLTA 113 AND SENEGAL 110 ALL WELL ABOVE LONG TERM

AVERAGE.

3. ANALYSIS BY AREAS NOT YET COMPLETED BUT FIGURES SEEM TO REFLECT GENERAL DISTRIBUTION, I.E. NO SUBSTANTIAL DISTORTIONS FROM EXTREME PRECIPITATIONS IN LIMITED AREAS OR COMING ALL AT ONCE. AT LEAST THE SPREAD IN THE THREE DECADES IS GOOD.

4. FOR SIX COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE JULY IS NORMALLY THE SECOND HEAVIEST RAINFALL MONTH (22.2 0/0 OF TOTAL ANNUAL FALL) WITH AUGUST AT 32.2 0/0 THE HEAVIEST AND SEPTEMBER 19.8 STILL CRITICAL. THUS IT IS TOO EARLY TO DRAW ANY REAL CONCLUSIONS BUT CERTAINLY THE PROSPECTS APPEAR MUCH MORE PROMISING THAN THEY HAVE FOR SOME TIME.VOLPE

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